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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 30, 2000

APPLICATION OF

UNIVERSAL ACCESS OF VIRGINIA, INC. CASE NO. PUC000041

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On February 22, 2000, Universal Access of Virginia, Inc. ("Universal" or "Applicant"), filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

By Order dated March 30, 2000, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Universal's application. On May 10, 2000, Staff filed its report finding that Universal's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"), as codified in 20 VAC 5-400-180.

A hearing was conducted on May 23, 2000. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, and the Staff report were entered into the record without objection. However, Universal was unable to provide proof of the notice and service to each local exchange carrier certificated in Virginia as required by the Commission's March 30, 2000, Scheduling Order. Subsequent to the hearing, counsel for the Applicant notified Staff that Universal was unable to confirm that notice to the carriers had been provided.

On May 26, 2000, the Commission entered an Order directing that notice be given and continuing the dates for the filing of Comments, Notices of Protest, Protests, and Testimony. The Order also continued the hearing date to June 21, 2000.

A hearing was conducted on June 21, 2000, at which time Universal filed proof of the notice and service as required by the May 26, 2000, Order. No Comments, Notices of Protest, Protests, or Testimony were filed.

Having considered the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that Universal should be granted a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout Virginia.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Universal Access of Virginia, Inc., hereby is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-495, to

provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Service, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) Universal shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.